

REMARKS

I. Amendments To Claims

Applicants have cancelled claim 2. Applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 to correct dependency and a typographical error in light of the cancellation of claim 2. No new matter has been added.

II. COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Therefore, the record should reflect that Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

For example, the Examiner loosely paraphrases portions of claims 1 and 4 in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which purportedly applies to all of the claims of the application. The quoted language does not exactly correspond to the limitations in claim 8 (now renumbered) or any of the allowed claims dependent thereon. Furthermore, the language "and in combinations of other features" is suggested as quoted language from the claims, and such language is not actually present in any of the allowed claims.

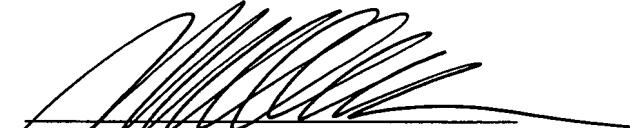
Applicants' claims should be limited only by the terms utilized therein. Thus, Applicants hereby submit these Comments in an effort to ensure that the claims are

properly construed based only upon limitations that are actually present therein and/or to ensure that the claims are not interpreted so as to include any additional claim limitations that are not found in the respective claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

If any questions arise or if issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite disposition of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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